



2021 REFERRAL TO EPA

LOG: 1435

Date: 03/22/21

City, State: Fort Myers, FL

Certainty Index: Atypical

Narrative: Caller seeking incident reporting information related to the use of a Seresto Flea Collar (active ingredients flumethrin, imidacloprid) on her dog (9-year-old, 27-pound neutered male Cockapoo). Caller reported that four months ago (11/2020) she placed the collar on the dog to help with fleas. Caller reported that five weeks ago (02/2021), she started to notice that her dog was having a reaction to the collar. Caller reported that the dog developed 15 sores on its body, as well as an ear infection. Caller reported that she took the dog to the veterinarian and reported that they gave the dog an antibiotic ointment for the open sores. Caller reported that she also called the manufacturer of the product, so as to report the incident. Caller reported that the dog has since recovered from the incident. Caller asked how else she could report the situation.

Discussed NPIC services, including a lack of regulatory information or authority. Discussed potential health effects of exposure to the active ingredients (NPIC Imidacloprid Fact Sheet, UKPID Monograph: Flumethrin).

Provided contact information for State Lead Pesticide Agency for incident reporting information.